

State of Michigan
Department of Management and Budget
Office of Retirement Systems
Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System

# APPLICATION FOR STATE OF MICHIGAN SERVICE

As a MPSERS member, you may receive retirement credit for all years you worked for the State of Michigan and were a member of the State Employees Retirement System (SERS).

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

To apply for SERS credit, complete this application and submit it to MPSERS.

If you need additional space to detail your State of Michigan service, attach a separate sheet of paper to this form.

If you have questions after reading the information on this application, please telephone MPSERS at our Central Office at (517) 322-6000, our Northern Office at (616) 922-5360, our Western Office at (616) 399-6940 ext. 392, our Detroit City Office at (313) 256-1400 or our Greater Metropolitan Office at (810) 544-2874.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

As a MPSERS member, you can apply for SERS credit at any time. You must have been a member of SERS while you were a State of Michigan employee. You may use this credit to satisfy the minimum service requirement for a monthly pension. If you leave Michigan public school employment before you are eligible to begin receiving a pension, MPSERS will refund your payment, if any, upon request. MPSERS does not limit the amount of SERS credit you may receive.

You must have an employee/employer relationship with a MPSERS educational agency at the time of purchase. You must make payment before you retire or terminate employment.

#### **COST:**

For pre-July 1, 1974 credit, your cost is based on the salary you earned while performing the SERS service and the MPSERS contribution schedule in effect for those years, plus regular interest.

If you are a Member Investment Plan (MIP) member, service you performed as a member of SERS from July 1, 1974 through December 31, 1986 is creditable to you at no cost. For service you performed on or after January 1, 1987, you pay 1.5% of SERS wages received after that date, plus 8% compounded interest.

If you are a Basic Plan member, service you performed as a member of SERS from July 1, 1974 forward is creditable to you at no cost because you are not funding additional MIP benefits.

You may make partial payments of \$800 or more towards the purchase of your SERS credit.

SERS credit is not recognized until the cost for **all** service is paid in full. You cannot receive partial credit.

**Note:** If your employing educational agency makes a payment for buy-in credit on your behalf, MPSERS will credit the payment to your account as a "member" payment. Based on MPSERS research, the amount must be reported by the educational agency as taxable income on your W-2 or 1099 form.

## **Application for State of Michigan Service**

### **Submit Completed Application to:**

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) P.O. Box 30026 Lansing, MI 48909

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Please print or type all information. You must complete this form to receive credit.

Personal Information: To be completed by the applicant.					
APPLICANT'S NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*				
STREET ADDRESS	BIRTHDATE				
CITY, STATE, ZIP	TELEPHONE NUMBER  ( )				
NAMES UNDER WHICH YOU PERFORMED MPSERS SERVICE (if different from above)  1. 2.	ANTICIPATED RETIREMENT DATE (IF YOU KNOW)				
PLEASE CHECK ✓ ONE: My request is for informational purposes only.  ☐ I authorize SERS to transfer any eligible monies and service to MPSERS.					
State of Michigan Service: Complete as bestyou can remember.					
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Certification: I certify the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.					
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE				

A person who, with intent to deceive, makes a false statement in a report or record required under this Retirement System or who, with intent to deceive, violates this act or a rule promulgated under this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500 or both. (P.A. 300 of 1980, as amended, Section 105.)

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